

## Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:  
determining a beginning time stamp for an edit segment in a digital recording;  
determining an ending time stamp for the edit segment in the digital recording; and  
receiving an indication from a user whether to modify the edit segment for subsequent viewing of the digital recording.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
modifying the edit segment in the digital recording according to the received indication from the user.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein modifying the edit segment includes skipping over the edit segment in a subsequent viewing of the digital recording.
4. The method of claim 2, wherein modifying the edit segment includes removing the edit segment from the digital recording.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the beginning time stamp is determined as a point in time in which an editing command starts.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the editing command is a fast forward command.
7. The method of claim 5, wherein the editing command is a skip ahead command.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein the ending time stamp is determined as a point in time after the beginning time stamp when the user sends an indication to stop editing.
9. The method of claim 8, wherein the indication to stop editing includes executing a play command.
10. The method of claim 8, wherein the indication to stop editing includes not executing a skip ahead command for a period of time.
11. The method of claim 8, wherein the indication to stop editing includes not executing a rewind command for a period of time.
12. The method of claim 8, wherein the indication to stop editing includes not executing a skip back command for a period of time.
13. A system comprising:  
  
an editing engine that determines a beginning time stamp for an edit segment in a digital recording and determines an ending time stamp for the

edit segment in the digital recording and wherein the editing engine receives an indication from a user whether to modify the edit segment for subsequent viewing of the digital recording.

14. The system of claim 13, wherein the editing engine modifies the edit segment in the digital recording according to the received indication from the user.
15. The system of claim 13, wherein the editing engine modifies the edit segment by skipping over the edit segment in a subsequent viewing of the digital recording.
16. The system of claim 13, wherein the editing engine modifies the edit segment by removing the edit segment from the digital recording.
17. The system of claim 13, wherein the beginning time stamp is determined as a point in time in which an editing command starts.
18. The system of claim 17, wherein the editing command is a fast forward command.
19. The system of claim 17, wherein the editing command is a skip ahead command.

20. The system of claim 13, wherein the ending time stamp is determined as a point in time after the beginning time stamp when the user sends an indication to stop editing.
21. The system of claim 20, wherein the indication to stop editing includes executing a play command.
22. The system of claim 20, wherein the indication to stop editing includes not executing a skip ahead command for a period of time.
23. The system of claim 20, wherein the indication to stop editing includes not executing a rewind command for a period of time.
24. The system of claim 20, wherein the indication to stop editing includes not executing a skip back command for a period of time.
25. A machine-readable medium containing instructions which, when executed by a processing system, cause the processing system to perform a method, the method comprising:
- determining a beginning time stamp for an edit segment in a digital recording;
  - determining an ending time stamp for the edit segment in the digital recording; and
  - receiving an indication from a user whether to modify the edit segment for subsequent viewing of the digital recording.

26. The machine-readable medium of claim 25, further comprising:  
modifying the edit segment in the digital recording according to the  
received indication from the user.
27. The machine-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the beginning time  
stamp is determined as a point in time in which an editing command starts.
28. The machine-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the ending time stamp  
is determined as a point in time after the beginning time stamp when the  
user sends an indication to stop editing.
29. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the indicaton from the user  
includes an on-the-fly indication of whether to keep or delete the beginning  
time stamp.
30. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the indicaton from the user  
includes an on-the-fly indication of whether to keep or delete the ending  
time stamp.
31. The system of claim 13, wherein the indicaton from the user includes an  
on-the-fly indication of whether to keep or delete the beginning time  
stamp.
32. The system of claim 13, wherein the indicaton from the user includes an  
on-the-fly indication of whether to keep or delete the ending time stamp.